

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00009-RBW**

MIDDLE EAST FORUM v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/02/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/02/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5866125) filed by MIDDLE EAST FORUM. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons) (Smith, Clifford) (Entered: 01/02/2019)
01/03/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zsb) (Entered: 01/03/2019)
01/03/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 01/03/2019)
02/20/2019	<u>3</u>	MOTION to Issue Summons by MIDDLE EAST FORUM (Smith, Clifford) (Entered: 02/20/2019)
02/20/2019	<u>4</u>	MOTION to Issue Summons USA by MIDDLE EAST FORUM (Smith, Clifford) . (Entered: 02/20/2019)
02/25/2019	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney General (ztd) (Entered: 02/25/2019)
03/14/2019	<u>6</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney (ztd) (Entered: 03/14/2019)
04/19/2019	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marsha Wellknown Yee on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 04/19/2019)
04/22/2019	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 04/22/2019)

04/24/2019	<u>9</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR. . . .AFFIDAVIT of Mailing by MIDDLE EAST FORUM. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix Proof of delivery)(Smith, Clifford) Modified on 4/25/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 04/24/2019)
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05/31/2019	<u>12</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 31, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 05/31/2019)
05/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Because the plaintiff pursues this action under the Freedom of Information Act, the initial disclosure requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1)(A) are not implicated and no scheduling conference need be held. See Local Civ. R. 16.3(b)(10). Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before July 12, 2019, the parties shall submit to the Court a joint status report, proposing a schedule for the filing of, if any, dispositive motions, oppositions thereto, and replies. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 31, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 05/31/2019)
05/31/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/12/2019 (hs) (Entered: 05/31/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before July 23, 2019, the parties shall file a joint status report updating the Court on the status of the defendant's processing of the plaintiff's FOIA request and proposing a schedule for further proceedings in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on June 19, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 06/19/2019)
06/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/23/2019 (hs) (Entered: 06/19/2019)
07/23/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 07/23/2019)
07/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before September 17, 2019, the parties shall file a joint status report updating the Court on the status of the defendant's processing of the plaintiff's FOIA request and proposing a schedule for further proceedings in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 24, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 07/24/2019)
07/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/17/2019 (hs) (Entered: 07/25/2019)

09/17/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 09/17/2019)
10/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before November 21, 2019, the parties shall file a joint status report updating the Court on the status of the defendant's processing of the plaintiff's FOIA request and proposing a schedule for further proceedings in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 1, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 10/01/2019)
10/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/21/2019 (hs) (Entered: 10/01/2019)